'Long Count' for Fighting Yanks Keeps American League Race in Dizzy Tangle

Win, Lose or Draw Bengal Twin Bill

By FRANCIS E. STAN.

Rating Washington as a Sports Town

The Variety Club's cut on the Armstrong-Furr show won't buy that dental clinic for the underprivileged (cost, \$7,000), but it will help toward it, and the Variety boys are of a mind to go into hock for about \$4,500. . . . If it isn't a dental clinic, it will be another of those incubators. . . . In rating Washington as a sports town, consider, if you please, that more than \$70,000 was spent last Sunday and Monday for two spectacles-Redskins vs. Giants and the fight-and they came smack in the middle

What we are trying to say is that, all things taken into account, the \$20,444 gross for the Armstrong-Furr bout wasn't half bad. . . . If ever a promotion survived heavy going, it was this battle. . . . There was all of that early on-again, off-again publicity. . . . Then, too, Furr never was a ranking welterweight contender, and as a potential winner he Gene Tunney one night in Chicago never was taken very seriously because shortly before the Armstrong has nothing on the long count the bout he had been beaten by one Wild Bill McDowell and a person named Cocoa Kid. . . . Thirdly, the fight came off the day after the Redskins, town toasts, met the Giants for the first time since that extra-point episode in New York last year, and eight days before the ghost walked for the Government workers.

Inexperienced promoters staged the show. . . . It might have drawn \$10,000 more on another date. . . . But as things turned out, it was a fine evening's entertainment and an enjoyable card, and up to now nobody has asked for his money back. . . . Most of all, the Variety Club probably did more to erase that Jeffra-Archibald stigma and put boxing back on its feet than anything since that Awful Night.

Leonard in Doghouse With Clubhouse Boys

The talk around the Washington clubhouse these days-we know the Nats have been away for a couple of weeks, but aren't the clubhouse boys, who know things, still there?-is that Outfielder Gerald Cleve. Walker won't be wearing a Washington uniform next year. . . . Gee's N. Y ... supposed to have said, already, that he'll be playing ball elsewhere. . . . Meanwhile, there's been talk in baseball circles-legitimate circles, we mean-that Buddy Lewis and either Walker or George Case will be with the Browns in 1941. . . . That is, if Lewis is not carrying a gun in a training camp to which he is not accustomed.

The latest Thumbs-Down guy in the books of the locker boys in the Nationals' clubhouse is, of all people, Dutch Leonard. . . . "He because of rain. demands more attention than anybody on the club since he won those 20 games last year," one of the flunkeys says, "and trying to squeeze a dime out of him is like trying to get blood out of a turnip." . . . We header with the Chicago White Sox wouldn't go overboard on this stuff. . . . Dutch always has ranked next to today while their rivals play single Buddy Myer and Sammy West as an all-around good fellow, in our opinion, and if he changed at all this summer it might have been due to expectant fatherhood.

An anonymous fan, who must know things, offers a Cleveland Cry-Baby team to end all boo-hoo ball clubs. . . "Vitt for manager," he says, "and, in addition to Feller, Harder, Hemsley, Trosky, Chapman, Keltner, Allen, Heath and a few others, I offer Earl Whitehill, Wes Fer- their remaining games and Detroit rell, Ted Williams, Joe Glenn, George Case and Dizzy Dean.

Newsmen Rooting for Terry to Go to Cleveland

Lt. Col. Harvey L. Miller of the United States Marines, secretary of the National Boxing Association and secretary and No. 1 guy of the District Boxing Commission, is advising Maynard Daniels, one of his hurling of Elden Auker and would Leathernecks, to quit fighting. . . . That first-round knockout of Daniels have been shutout except for a by 19-year-old Buddy Moore the other night finally convinced Heinie | couple of errors by Shortstop Johnny that Maynard is not another Tunney.

Rumors from New York persist in ousting Bill Terry as manager of the Giants. . . . They say that Willyum has been having a few differences with his angel, who is young Horace Stoneham, president of the club, and that Leo Biondi never did like Terry. . . . Leo is a major stockholder, as well as one of the club executives. . . . New York newspapermen gleefully are campaigning, on the semi-q. t., for Cleveland to land Terry as the next manager. . . . Their slogan is: "The Indians and Terry deserve each other" . . . Swish!

Jim Castiglia, Georgetown's blocking back, thinks that Ernie Pinckert of the Redskins is the best football player alive, which may not be Cronin each hit two homers and far from the truth. . . . "He's terrific," says Castiglia, "and as far as I can see, the Redskins will be in bad shape the day he hangs up his helmet." . . . Allowing for Mr. Castiglia's natural tendency to appreciate blocking backs we still wonder if James hasn't been the first guy to say what a lot of other people either have refused to say or have studiously ignored.

Will Bucky Harris Be Back With Nats?

The all-time high in attendance in the American League was reached in 1924, which was when Boy Wonder Bucky Harris piloted the League that escaped the rain was Senators to a pennant in a bang-up, rough-and-tumble fight . . . But at Brooklyn, where the Dodgers according to word from American League President Will Harridge's nosed out the New York Giants, office that record will be broken with something to spare before next 5-4, to clinch second place in the Sunday, September 29 . . . It is interesting to note that in 1924 it was the wrecking of a Yankee regime, which lasted three years, that helped to set the record . . . History repeats, etc., although the Yanks, after eighth. winning that double-header from the Harrismen yesterday, still are in

Speaking of the Nats, what are the odds against Harris' being named manager again for 1941? . . . His seventh-place finish this season will be the worst effort Bucky's ever turned in and they are saying there is nothing to the story that Harris will be offered Joe McCarthy's job at New York . . . Usually, Harris' renomination by President Clark Griffith is taken for granted but, so far, it hasn't been this year . . . It is fashionable to speculate, at this time, what Joe Cronin and his Red Sox would have done had Ken Chase, Sid Hudson and Dutch Leonard been wearing

From the Elm Ridge Country Club, Dorval, P. Q., Canada, comes a message from Redvers Mackenzie, coach of the Washington Hockey Eagles . . . "Paul Courteau was rejected by the medical board as, apparently, he has a very weak eye, though the goal-tenders in our league 60 not subscribe to that theory. Paul has signed a playing card and will return to the Eagles."

Softy Hurler Wins, Bows in 2-1 Tilt

PHOENIX, Ariz.-Pat Patrick, softball pitcher, won and lost

the same game, 2 to 1. He hurled for both teams. During the season he played on each team in different leagues, so when they finally opposed each

other he didn't leave the mound.

He pitched 16 innings, giving five

hits to the winners and seven to

P. S.-He didn't bat against

Tennis Tourney Final Before rain started falling, Ben

Zola, former Georgetown Univer-championship of Garfield Play- StL 4|11| 8| 8|10-11|14|66|84|.440|211/2 | Bos 9| 7| 8| 9| 8| 7-15|63|85|.426|34 ground. They probably will play to- wn

Zola and Tarleton Gain

Both won their semifinal matches yesterday in straight sets, Zola defeating Tom Hodges, 7-5, 6-2, and Tarleton whipping Bob Lilly, Wash, at N. Y., 2:00, Wash, at Boston,
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N. Y. at Brooklyn,
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Today Could Tie Struggle Again

Browns Check Indians: Bosox's 3 Homers in Row Equal Record

By JUDSON BAILEY.

The famous "long count" given New York Yankees are getting these

Ever since July 4, the baseball experts have been counting over the four-times world champions. Some days they count them out and some days they count them in.

This is one of the days for counting them in, because they have won six successive contests and the American League struggle is so tight that it would be possible by sundown tonight for Detroit and Cleveland to be tied again and the Yankees be in third place only one game behind

They now stand: Club Won Lost Pct. G.B.* T.P.* Detroit 87 62 .584 Cleve. 86 64 .573 86 64 .573 1½ 4 84 64 .586 2½ 6

*Games behind. **Games to play.

The Yankees whipped the Washington Senators twice yesterday, 6-5 and 9-4, while the Indians dropped a 7-2 decision to the St. Louis Browns and Detroit was kept idle

Play Potent Double-Header.

The Tigers must play a doublegames, making all sorts of situations possible. Chicago has downed Detroit in 13 out of 20 games previously this year

The Yankees' chances for another championship still are remote, because they would have to win all would have to lose two in order to get as much as a tie. Yet the Yanks make their true believers feel they have a chance because they just won't quit fighting.

Cleveland was curbed by the 6-hit Berardino of the Browns. St. Louis raked three Cleveland hurlers for 14

Bosox, A's on Slugging Spree.

The day's big hitting show, however, was at Philadelphia in the first game of a double-header, in which the Boston Red Sox beat the A's, 16-8. Boston made 23 hits, including six home runs, and the A's inning Williams, Foxx and Cronin hit for the circuit in succession to

tie the big league record. In the second game Boston's Jack Wilson beat Bill Beckman, 4-3, in a hurling duel with 6-hit ball and the help of a 3-run rally in the

The only game in the National National League. Brooklyn lumped five runs into the fifth inning and withstood a 4-run rebuttal in the

Gridders Seeking Tune-up

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Results Testerday. New York, 6—9: Washington, 5—4 (second game, 7 innings, darkness.)
Boston, 16—4: Philadelphia, 8—3.
St. Louis, 7: Cleveland, 2.
Detroit-Chicago, rain.

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GAMES TODAY. GAMES TOMORROW

WHEELING AWAY THE WEE SMA' HOURS!



Redleg Manager **Has No Choice**

Of Series Foe

-By JIM BERRYMAN

Confident No Matter Who Wins in A. L.; Works Slab Aces

By the Associated Press. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25.-Bill Mc-Kechnie, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, said today he will not decide on his starting World Series oitcher until just before the open-

But it's safe to wager the wife's allowance it will be either Bucky Walters or Paul Derringer. It would be ridiculous to guess any one else. The outcome of the now-you'rein now-you're-out American League race likely will have something to do with which of the two aces gets the call. Derringer throws curves, and Walters tosses sinkers, and the one who rides the bench the first day will be in the No. 2 slot.

Reds Eager for Series. Paul was the lead-off man against the Yankees last year, losing a heart-breaker, 2 to 1, in the ninth. Should the Yanks slip in there again, he might be given a chance

This is one of the few years in which the National League pennant winner has had a chance for relaxation between the clinching of the flag and the series. Yet, if it were left to a ballot of the Reds they'd probably vote to start today instead of waiting another week. McKechnie says he intends to

keep as many regulars as possible in the line-up during the rest of the "I don't want anybody to go stale," he said. "For that reason

I am using Walters today (in the first game of a double-header with the Cards) and will try to get him in part of another game, probably Sunday. Derringer also will pitch another game before the season Has No Preference of Foe. Manager Bill says he has no

the American League pennant "That makes no difference to me. for we are stronger than last year no matter which team we play," he

preference as to which team wins

Catcher Ernie Lombardi, with sprained ankle, is the only ailing Red.

Strangely Assorted Quartet cluding six home runs, and the A's 15. Ted Williams and Manager Joe Gives Bengals Infield Edge Jimmie Foxx one. the 500th of his major league career. In the sixth Over Indians and Reds

By GAYLE TALBOT,

THE FOREIGN PEDAL

PUSHERS HAVE THEIR

TROUBLES WITH SUBSTITUTE

HELPERS ON THE "DAWN PATROL" ...

heads sadly last spring.

Yet this strangely assorted quartet has proved the bulwark of the double-play combination. Tigers in their sensational drive for the American League flag, and gins isn't quite the third baseman it must be regarded as a better World Series infield than that boasted either by Cleveland or by dropped out of the .300 class. Yet the Cincinnati Reds of the Na-

tional League. On first is Rudy York, slightly awkward afield but a powerhouse at bat; next to Hank Greenberg and football team would like a scrimmage | Joe Di Maggio probably the most

At second is Charley Gehringer,

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GAMES TODAY. GAMES TOMORROW

Results Yesterday. Brooklyn 5: New York, 4. Cincinnati-St. Louis, rain.

Pittsburgh-Chicago, rain. Only games scheduled.

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baseball's greatest keystoner. At 37 NEW YORK, Sept. 25 .- The De- he still is whanging the ball at troit Tigers' infield is the oldest in .315, and though he has slowed the big leagues, a patchwork outfit down a little he still fields beauthat had the experts shaking their tifully and teams with Dick Bartell, the Tigers' 33-year-old chatterbox shortstop, in an effective Thirty-one-year-old Pinky Hig-

he used to be, either. His legs

bother him off and on, and he has

who for a long string of years was

he also has the solid years of ex- paign. perience behind him and should prove steady in any World Series guard position, was a blocking back York's power, of course, is what Orrel Mitchell three years ago, while swings the pendulum toward the Marty Hunt was an end under Gene Tiger infield, for both Cleveland and Augusterfer at St. John's. Cincinnati have far better than average combinations. Cincinnati named on the mythical District all-

has baseball's finest shortstop-sec- incidentally, as a ball carrier on ond base duo in Lou Boudreau and numerous occasions. It was their

Yankees in the '39 series, Cincin- hopes for undisputed city chamnati's best infielder is Bill Werber pionship honors that year. at third base, a slick fielder and a useful .275 hitter. Myers, Frey Only Average.

Frey at second are average fielders honorary combinations. and make their double plays to support the club's gilt-edge pitching. made him an important figure in Frey went to bat 17 times in the Coach Jim Draper's offensive plans last World Series without getting a and he'll bear watching Friday hit, while Myers has had a miser- night. A basket ball star at St. abel season at the plate, dropping John's, he has put on considerable

Mack, came fresh out of the Inter- only a sophomore is rapidly winning national League to transform a his spurs on the gridiron. wobby Cleveland infield into one of the game's tightest defenses. Not only that, but Boureau has hit ated from Western before going to around .300 right along with First Western Maryland, where he learned Baseman Hal Trosky, the team's his football under the expert tutehome-run specialists, and some 50 lage of Dick Harlow, now coach at points above Third Baseman Kelt- Harvard.

Detroit has good insurance against one of its "old men" coming down with hardening of the arteries. Frank Croucher has proved he can fill in brilliantly at any spot except first. Cincinnati has a good utility man in Eddie Joost, while Cleveland possesses in Oscar Grimes an extra man who probably could play regularly on any other team in the Lombardi Would Give Reds Bulge.

If Ernie Lombardi's lame ankle mends completely, Cincinnati will have a big bulge over either Detroit or Cleveland in the catching department. Neither Detroit's Birdie Tebbetts or Cleveland's Rollie Hemsley or Frankie Pytlak is quite in the same class with old "Schnozzola" as a slugger. Shaking off what must have been

a burning memory of the '39 Series, when the Yankees knocked him down and then used his huge body as a slide, Lombardi came back this season to pound the ball at around .320 and to lead his club in batting. On a hunch, he is likely to make and cigar man. What he and his indignities it heaped on him when white Sox couldn't do to those he lumbers to the plate in the comindignities it heaped on him when ing Series.

Two Capital Gridders To Oppose G. W. for Mount St. Mary's

Ellis and Hunt, Rivals At Gonzaga, St. John's, Will Start Friday

Rivals during their prep school careers, a coupe of former District schoolboys will work together toward George Washington's downfall Friday night when Mount St. Mary's invades Griffith Stadium to help the

Jim Ellis, who will be seen at in Gonzaga High's backfield under

Ellis, a junior at the "Mount," was even has a better all-around first prep eleven in '38 and, although best baseman than York in big Frank known for his blocking ability, McCormick. Cleveland, for its part, teamed with Jim Shaw, no relation, work that was primarily responsible Outside of McCormick, who, in- for the defeat of Central, a loss cidentally, batted .400 against the which virtually blasted the Blue's

Ellis was chosen on the all-star eleven which bowed to the Monroe (Ga.) Aggies in a post-season game Billy Myers at short and Lonnie and was picked on several other

Hunt's pass-snagging ability has poundage since matriculating at the The two youngsters, Boudreau and Emmitsburg school and although

Draper, by the way, also is a home town product, having gradu-

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Pat 5-7 Choice Over Baer; Stuhldreher Having His Football Troubles at Wisconsin O'Doul-developed ball players, Hither and yon, dis-a and

By EDDIE BRIETZ, Associated Press Sports Writer. NEW YORK, Sept. 25 .- Out of the question box: Is it news that Gene Tunney offered \$15,000 for a piece of Pat Comiskey a couple of months back? And Bill Daley wouldn't sell? Are you surprised to hear your Yankees, who were laid to rest with full ceremonies only two days ago, are now only 4 to 1 to cop from both the Tigers and the Cry Babies? What's this about old Harry Stuhldreher having his troubles already at Wissconsin, early as it is? What with Don Kolbusz dropping football for the year and Hal Rooney still nursing that bad knee.

Cauliflower market report-Odds on Pat Comiskey-Max Baer party tomorrow have been scrambled like an egg. The Irishman now is 5-to-7 favorite.

Which is making Maxie giggle plenty. And Ancil Hoffman, who is as careless with hiss coconuts as he is with his right arm, has just bet 10 G's on his Max to put the crusher on Pat. If the Reds hit the 100 mark

in the games - won column (they're 96 now) they'll be the first to ring the bell in the National League since the Cubs went into triple figures with their hair-raising 21-game string in '35. With Challedon out of the New York Handicap at Belmont October 5, Alf Vanderbilt'll have to hustle plenty to find something to stem up the race. No. 52 in the 1938 Clemson squad, Gene Flathman, still is No. 52but he's sporting it at Navy, where's he's rated a grade A line prospect, all 250 pounds of him. Today's guest star.—Billy Stepp,

Portland Oregonian: "Bill Terry

has a complex against Lefty

regardless of what his scouts say. In the past, Lefty offered Terry such players as Joe Di Maggio, Ted Williams and Dom Di Maggio, but the Giants weren't interested. Now Lefty wants Bill to buy Ted Jennings, and Heinie Groh, who scouts for the Giants, has seconded it. Wonder if Terry'll forget his personal feelings on this one." (Ed note: Brother, a Terry never forgets - and

Just for the records.-S'pose you've noticed by now that the National League's four firstdivision managers-Deacon Mc-Kechie, Lippy Durocher, Billy Southworth and Frankie Frischall learned lots of their base ball wearing Cardinals' uniforms. Must be the air out thar in St.

Brooklyn won't let him, any

dat-a: Tony Galento, who hasn't called any one a bum since he looked in the mirror after Baer belted him out, hit town today screaming for a return match with Max. He's leaving for a refereeing job in Johnson City, Tenn., and will go into comeback training when he returns. Elmer Gedeon, Michigan's athletic immortal, is coming back to help coach the Wolverine gridders. The middleweights'll be hearing shortly from a kid around here named Johnny Colan, who's not 19 yet and is sporting a 17-fight win streak.

Thought for today.-That guy with his tongue in his cheek this morning is your old pal, James J. Dykes, the big bowling Tigers today.